

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 2616
Docket No.: 122.1447**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Yukihiro ABIKO et al.

Serial No. 09/816,370

Group Art Unit: 2616

Confirmation No. 7330

Filed: March 26, 2001

Examiner: NGUYEN, HUY THANH

For: VIDEO RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
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Attention: **BOX AF**

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment accompanies a Request For Continued Examination (RCE) of the subject application and is in response to the Final Office Action mailed February 1, 2006, and having a period for response set to expire on May 1, 2006. A Petition for a Three-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to August 1, 2006.

Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested. The following remarks are respectfully submitted.